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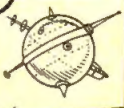
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BATMAN

BATMAN, ROBIN
and BATWOMAN
Meet
"BAT-GIRL!"

NOW, WHEN I TURN
THIS DIAL, THE
ELECTRONIC RING
WILL TIGHTEN ABOUT
YOU-- AND YOU'LL
BE DOOMED!



DON'T WORRY--
BAT-GIRL WILL
SAVE YOU!



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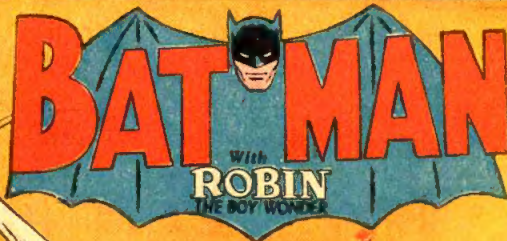
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ONCE AGAIN, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE CHALLENGED BY A BOLD BANDIT TO A DUEL OF WITS. ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS BECOME TARGETS FOR FLYING DEATH—UNTIL THEY FINALLY OUTWIT AN ARROGANT ARCHER AND SCORE A BULL'S-EYE AGAINST...

the BLUE BOWMAN



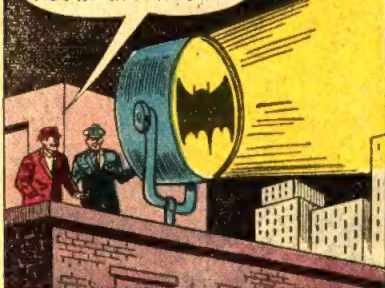
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HIGH ATOP HEADQUARTERS, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON FLASHES AN S.O.S. ON THE NIGHT BAT...

THERE--THAT SHOULD BRING **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN A HURRY!



AND WHEN THE TWO FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS ANSWER THE **BAT-SIGNAL**...

AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLER SAID THE **SIGNALMAN** WOULD BE AT THE **GOTHAM COAL REFINERY** TONIGHT! I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO HANDLE THE JOB PERSONALLY!

YES--THAT WOULD BE BIG SHOT IS ALWAYS CHALLENGING ME TO A BATTLE OF WITS!



SOON AFTER, ON THE ROOF OF THE REFINERY...

THE **SIGNALMAN** IS ALWAYS TRYING TO OUTSMART YOU-- AND YOU ALWAYS PUT HIM IN JAIL!

YES--BUT HE ESCAPED JAIL A MONTH AGO! I WONDER WHAT HE'S BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME?



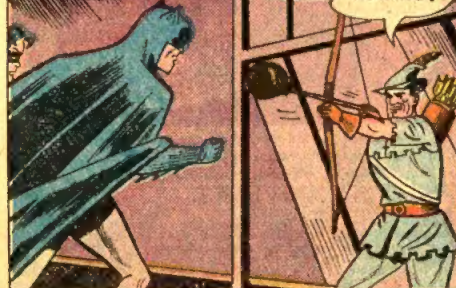
JUST PRACTICING UP ON MY MARKSMANSHIP, **BATMAN**--

THE **SIGNALMAN**-- WEARING A DIFFERENT COSTUME NOW!



BUT YOU'LL BE WEARING PRISON STRIPES AGAIN, I PROMISE YOU!

FOOL!... DO YOU THINK I SPENT THE LAST MONTH MAKING MY TRICK ARROWS FOR NOTHING?



I NOW CALL MYSELF THE **BLUE BOWMAN**-- AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHY!



ON SPEEDS THE SHAFT, TO CATCH BATMAN BY SURPRISE...

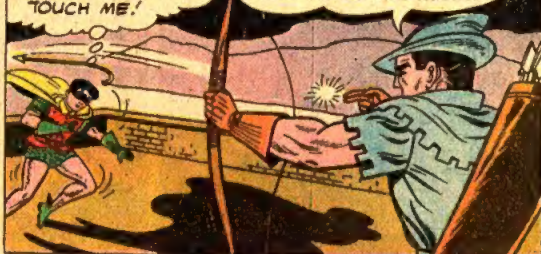
HOW DO YOU LIKE MY BOXING-GLOVE ARROW?...
HA, HA, HA!



AS THE BLUE BOWMAN NOTCHES ANOTHER ARROW, ROBIN INSTANTLY MAKES AN OFF-SIDE MOVE...

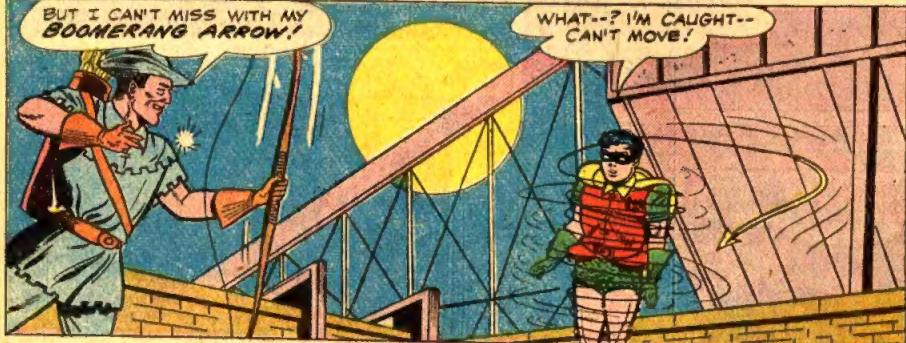
GOT TO DODGE TO THE SIDE, SO HIS ARROW CAN'T TOUCH ME!

I SUPPOSE YOU THINK YOU'RE SMART--THAT YOU MADE ME MISS...



BUT I CAN'T MISS WITH MY BOOMERANG ARROW!

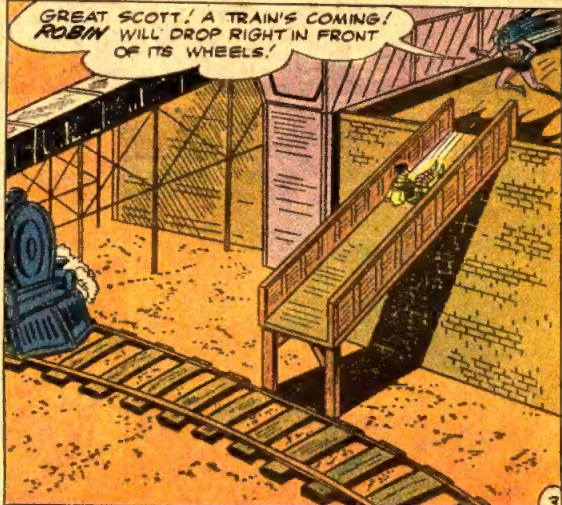
WHAT--? I'M CAUGHT-- CAN'T MOVE!



IN THAT SAME MOMENT, THE VILLAINOUS ARCHER LEAPS FORWARD AND SLAMS THE YOUNGSTER INTO A COAL SLUCE!

GREAT SCOTT! A TRAIN'S COMING! ROBIN WILL DROP RIGHT IN FRONT OF ITS WHEELS!

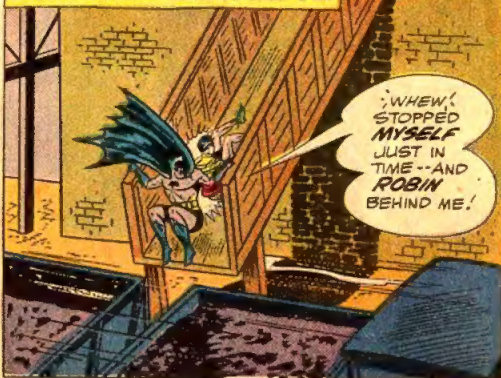
GOODBYE, ROBIN--I CAN'T SAY THAT I'LL MISS YOU...
HA, HA, HA!



AS IF SHOT FROM A GIANT BOW **BATMAN** HURTLES AHEAD OF **ROBIN'S** PLUNGING FORM...



LANDING CAT-LIKE, HE GRIPS THE SIDES OF THE SLUICE WITH POWERFUL HANDS...



"WHEW! STOPPED MYSELF JUST IN TIME--AND **ROBIN** BEHIND ME!"

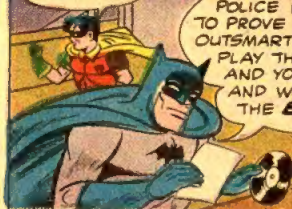
BACK AT HEADQUARTERS, THE RECORD SOON PROVIDES THE ANSWER...

UPON FREEING **ROBIN**, THE PAIR RETURNS TO THE ROOF, WHERE...

THE **SIG**... I MEAN... THE **BLUE BOWMAN** IS GONE!

YES--BUT HE LEFT THIS RECORD BEHIND! LISTEN TO HIS NOTE...

"IT WAS I WHO PHONED POLICE HEADQUARTERS, TO PROVE I CAN STILL OUTSMART YOU, **BATMAN**! PLAY THIS RECORDING, AND YOU'LL KNOW HOW AND WHY I BECAME THE **BLUE BOWMAN**!"



IF YOU RECALL, **BATMAN**, THE LAST TIME WE BATTLED, I LOST--AND BECAUSE OF YOU, I WAS SENT TO FEDERAL PRISON! HOW I HATED YOU FOR THAT! WHILE IN PRISON...



"...I MET ANOTHER CROOK WHO HATED ANOTHER CRIME-FIGHTER!"

I USED TO CALL MYSELF **BULL'S-EYE**--AND THE MAN WHO PUT ME HERE IS **GREEN ARROW**!

GREEN ARROW? I'VE HEARD OF HIM... HE FIGHTS CRIME IN ANOTHER CITY! HE USES ALL KINDS OF TRICK ARROWS TO OUTSMART CROOKS!



I KNOW HOW HE MAKES THOSE TRICKY ARROWS! ONCE, I EVEN TRIED TO USE HIS OWN WEAPONS AGAINST HIM--BUT HE KNEW HOW TO COUNTER EVERY ARROW!

NATURALLY--BUT... HMM... **BATMAN** ISN'T FAMILIAR WITH SUCH ARROWS! I FAILED AGAINST HIM AS THE **SIGNALMAN**--BUT I'LL BET I COULD SUCCEED AS A BANDIT **BOWMAN**!



SOON AFTER, INSIDE A HUGE FACTORY...

BULL'S-EYE TAUGHT ME HOW TO
MAKE THE ARROWS--AND NOW, THE
SIGNALMAN IS DEAD...LONG
LIVE THE **BLUE BOWMAN**!
I'LL NEVER TAPER OFF
FROM CRIME NOW,
BATMAN... THAT'S
AN OBVIOUS CLUE
TO MY NEXT
JOB!

"TAPER OFF
A TAPER IS
A CANDLE
I WONDER."

"TAPER OFF!"
A TAPER IS
A CANDLE!
I WONDER....?

I HAD A HUNCH YOU'D
BE HERE -- AT THE
GOTHAM CANDLE
COMPANY!

LOOK--HE'S GOT
HIMSELF A COUPLE
OF STOOGES NOW.

THIS LARGE
DISPLAY **HALLOWEEN**
CANDLE SHOULD
MAKE HIS CRIME
TAKE A
HOLIDAY!

THIS 4TH OF JULY CANDLE WON'T MEAN LIBERTY FOR HIM!

BUT AS BATMAN AND ROBIN CHASE THE BLUE
BOWMAN INTO THE HUGE MOLD ROOM, HE
COUNTERS SWIFTLY...

MY **BUZZ-SAW**
ARROW WILL SEND
YOU RIGHT INTO
THAT VAT OF WARM,
LIQUID WAX!

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HELPLESSLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE CAUGHT IN THE CLINGING LIQUID, UNTR...

BEFORE THE CRIME-FIGHTERS CAN MOVE, BLASTS OF COLD AIR COME FROM REFRIGERATED PIPES SO THAT...

MY HOOK ARROW WILL SEND YOU SPILLING INTO THE MOLDS FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND HALLOWEEN CANDLES!

THE ICY AIR HAS FROZEN THE WAX AROUND YOU. YOU'VE BECOME TWO HUMAN CANDLES--UNABLE TO MOVE WHILE I STEAL THE PAYROLL FROM THE COMPANY SAFE!

HAW!

WITHIN MINUTES, THE BLUE BOWMAN COMPLETES HIS CRIME...

TOO BAD, BATMAN... IT WILL BE HOURS BEFORE ANYBODY GETS AROUND TO FREE YOU--AND WE'LL HAVE ALREADY LOOTED ANOTHER PLACE... THE GOTHAM ARCHERY COMPANY!

WHEN THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE ALONE...

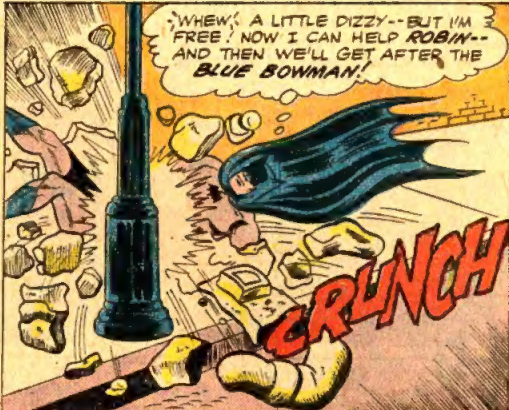
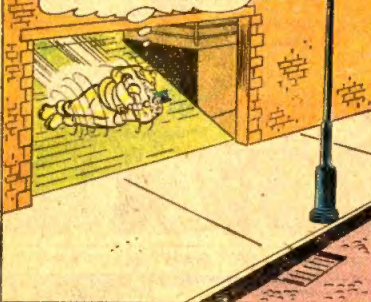
ROBIN--WE'VE ONLY ONE CHANCE--I'VE GOT TO FLEX MY MUSCLES--STRAIN HARD--TRY TO SHIFT MY WEIGHT!

GRADUALLY, THE HUMAN "CANDLE" TESTERS, TILL FINALLY...

SO FAR--SO GOOD! THE FALL DIDN'T CRACK THIS HARD WAX, BUT I'M STARTING TO ROLL TOWARD THAT RAMP!

THE PINIONED CAPTIVE SPINS DOWN THE RAMP--AND INTO THE STREET...

I SHOULD SMACK INTO THAT LAMP-POST WITH ENOUGH IMPACT TO SPLIT THE WAX...



LATER, AS TWO FIGURES BURST INTO THE GOTHAM ARCHERY COMPANY...

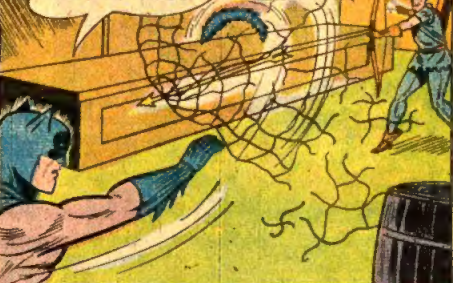
BETTER GIVE IT UP, BLUE BOWMAN! THE COMPANY'S FUNDS ARE STAYING RIGHT IN THE VAULT!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT FREE--BUT MY CORNER ARROW WILL TIE YOU UP AGAIN!



BUT EVEN AS THE TRICK ARROW IS FIRED, RELEASING A NET OF TOUGH SILKEN ROPE, BATMAN HURLS SOMETHING FORWARD...

NICE TRY--BUT MY SAW-TOOTH BATARANG WILL SLICE THAT NET IN TWO!



THESE TRICK BATARANGS WE TOOK FROM THE BATMOBILE ARE JUST THE THING TO FIGHT YOUR TRICK ARROWS!

HEY--I CAN'T MOVE!



DESPERATELY, THE **BLUE BOWMAN** FIRES ANOTHER ARROW-- THAT IS COUNTERED BY **BATMAN**!

MY **INCENDIARY ARROW**-- BEING SNUFFED OUT!

YES-- BY THE **CHEMICAL** SPRAYED OUT OF MY **FIRE-PREVENTION BATARANG**!

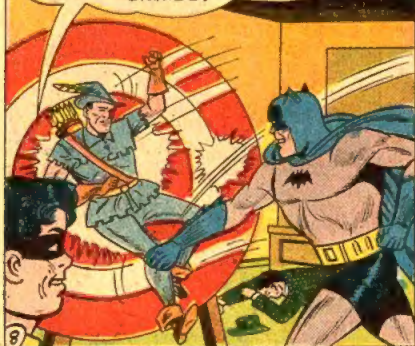


AND BEFORE THE **EVIL ARCHER** CAN NOTCH ANOTHER SHAFT...

NOW MY **SPINNING BATARANG**-- AND IT'S FANNING ARROW FEATHERS RIGHT AT YOU! IRONICAL THEY SHOULD PROVE YOUR DOWNFALL, EH, **BOWMAN**?



NOW YOU'VE BECOME A **HUMAN ARROW**-- AND **BATMAN** IS SCORING A BULL'S-EYE AGAINST YOUR CRIMES!



AND SO, LATER, AS THE **BATMOBILE** SPEEDS ALONG A HIGHWAY...

THERE IT IS-- THE LAST ARROW YOU'LL SEE FOR A LONG TIME!

BAH!



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NEWS YOU'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR!

THE GREEN ARROW

JOINS THE
MIGHTIEST
HEROES OF
OUR TIME...



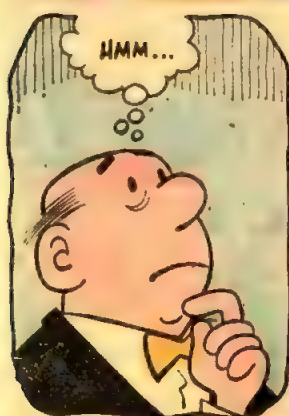
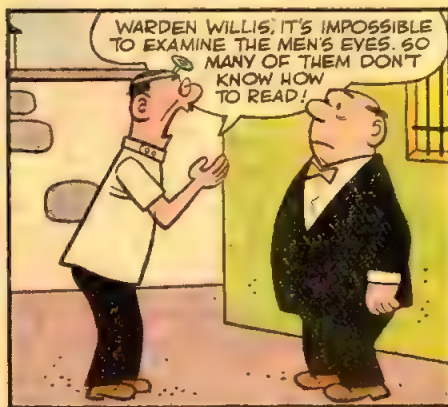
SUPERMAN!
BATMAN!
FLASH!
GREEN LANTERN!
WONDER WOMAN!
AQUAMAN!
J'ONN J'ONZZ!

...AS A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE

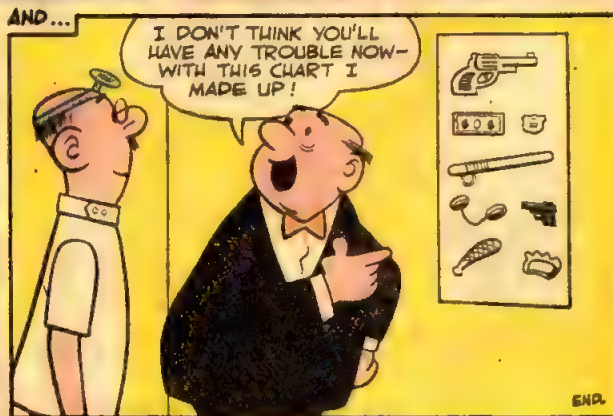
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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

THE ISLAND AWAITED THE COMING OF BATMAN AND ROBIN--AN ISLAND WHERE DEATH LURKED, THREATENING THE CRIME-FIGHTERS WITH SWIFT AND SUDDEN AMBUSH. IT WAS A DANGEROUS GAME FOR THE CAPED MANHUNTERS AS THEY DESPERATELY TRIED TO OUTWIT...

the ISLAND OF 1,000 TRAPS

CRASH

WHOOSH

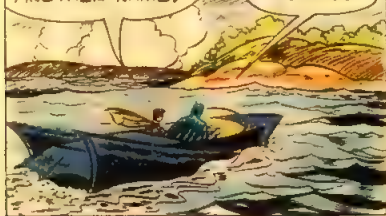
GREAT SCOTT!
THAT MECHANICAL
IRON FIST HAS
FELLED ROBIN--
AND NOW IT'S
AFTER ME!

BOB
KANE

OUT BEYOND GOTHAM BAY, THE BAT-LAUNCH SPEEDS TOWARDS A TINY ISLE...

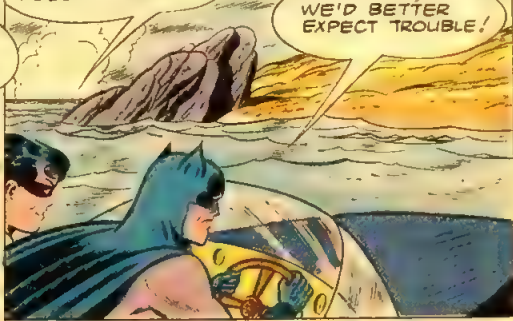
IF OUR TIP WAS RIGHT, GEORGE MILO, THE NATION'S TOP CRIMINAL, IS HIDING OUT ON THAT ISLAND, WHICH HE BOUGHT UNDER ANOTHER NAME!

A STRANGE MAN-- MILO...AN ELECTRONIC GENIUS WHO TURNED TO CRIME.



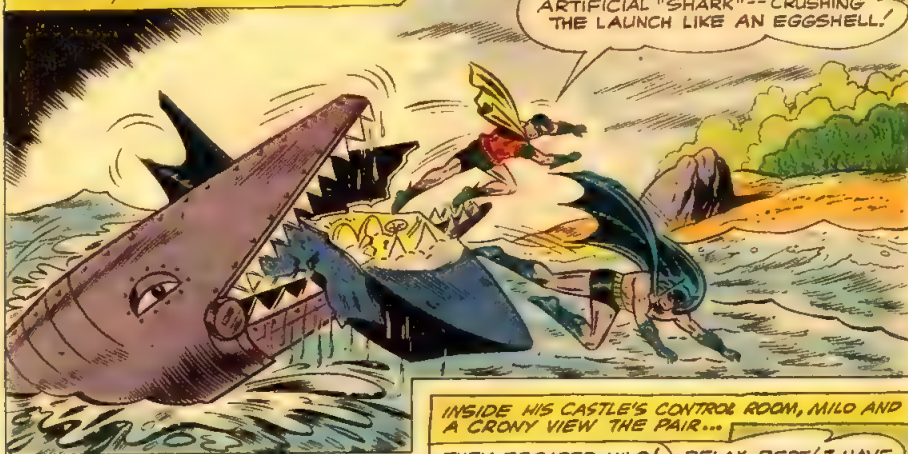
IMAGINE--MILO HAS BEEN HIDDEN ON THAT ISLAND ALL THESE YEARS--AND NOBODY KNEW IT!

HE'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE BUILT A CASTLE-FORTRESS! HE'S TRICKY, SO WE'D BETTER EXPECT TROUBLE!

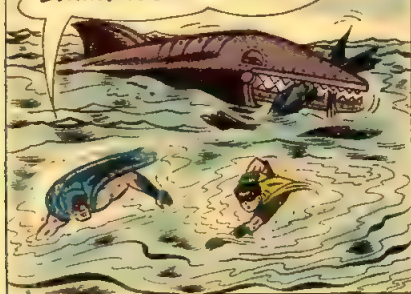


SUDDENLY, KNIFING OUT OF THE SEA...

HOLY SMOKE! A GIGANTIC ARTIFICIAL "SHARK"-- CRUSHING THE LAUNCH LIKE AN EGGSHELL!



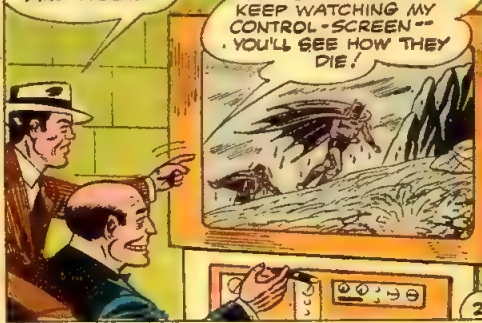
MILO MUST HAVE CREATED IT--TO KEEP INTRUDERS FROM HIS ISLAND! SWIM, ROBIN-- SWIM!



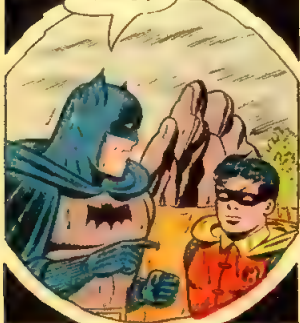
INSIDE HIS CASTLE'S CONTROL ROOM, MILO AND A CRONY VIEW THE PAIR...

THEY ESCAPED, MILO! HEY-- IT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN!

RELAX, BERT! I HAVE CONCEALED TRAPS ALL OVER THE ISLAND! KEEP WATCHING MY CONTROL-SCREEN-- YOU'LL SEE HOW THEY DIE!



"WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE NOW
BUT TO KEEP MOVING
AND TRY TO CAPTURE
MILO!"



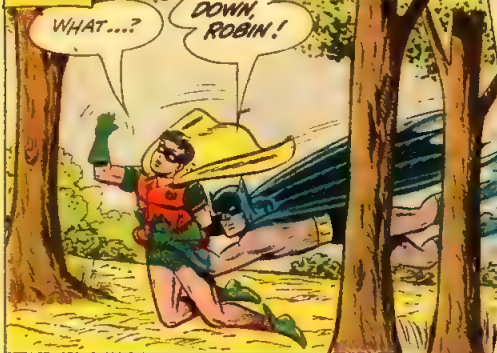
AND SO THE GRIM CRIME-FIGHTERS MOVE WARILY
FORWARD, NOT KNOWING WHAT UNTOLD DANGERS LIE AHEAD.



LOOK! WE STARTLED A
COVEY OF BIRDS!

HMM!

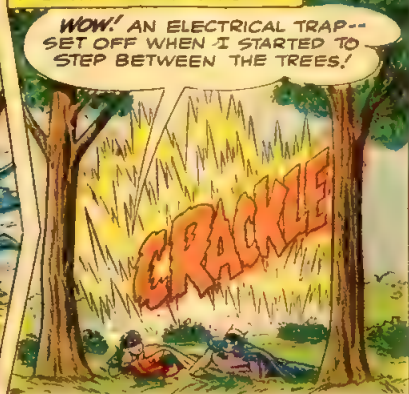
SUDDENLY, BATMAN'S TRAINED EYES WARN
HIM ...



WHAT...?

DOWN,
ROBIN!

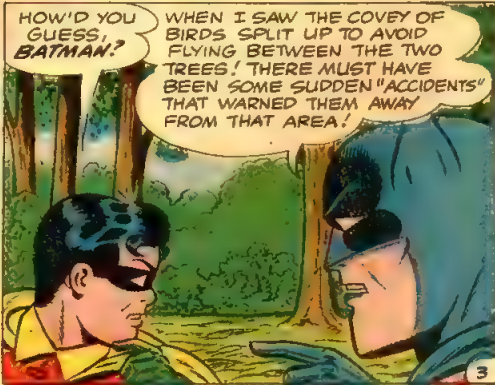
A SPLIT-INSTANT LATER...



WOW! AN ELECTRICAL TRAP--
SET OFF WHEN I STARTED TO
STEP BETWEEN THE TREES!



BLAST **BATMAN!** HOW COULD HE
HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE TRAP?



HOW'D YOU
GUESS,
BATMAN?

WHEN I SAW THE COVEY OF
BIRDS SPLIT UP TO AVOID
FLYING BETWEEN THE TWO
TREES! THERE MUST HAVE
BEEN SOME SUDDEN "ACCIDENTS"
THAT WARNED THEM AWAY
FROM THAT AREA!

DOUBLY-CAUTIOUS NOW, THE DUO AVOIDS THE WOODS AND KEEPS TO THE MAIN ROAD...

WE'RE COMING TO WHAT FORMERLY WAS THE ISLAND'S TOWN!

IT'S A GHOST TOWN NOW!



BUT IT IS NOT QUITE AS DESERTED AS IT SEEMS...

UH-OH! SOME KIND OF TANK IS COMING OUT!

AND THAT BIG THING ON ITS TURRET--IT LOOKS LIKE AN IRON FIST!

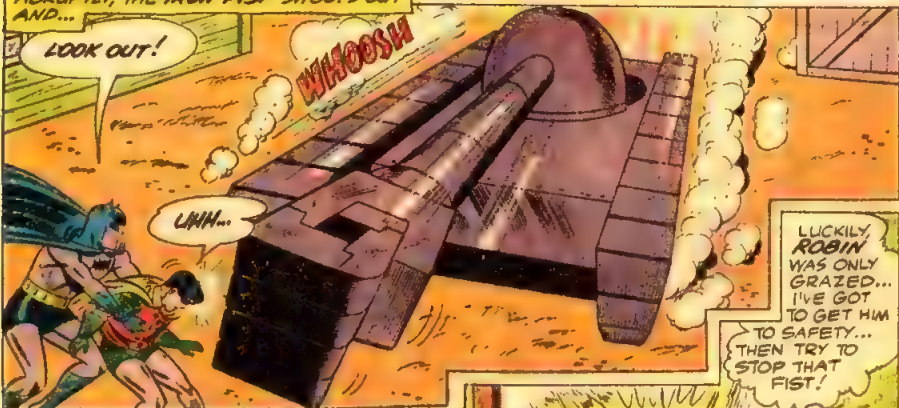


ROBIN'S DESCRIPTION IS APT, FOR, ABRUPTLY, THE IRON FIST SHOOTS OUT AND...

LOOK OUT!

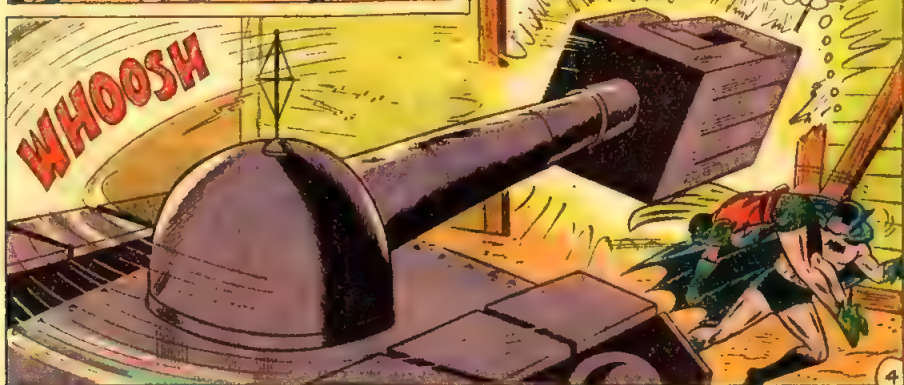
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UHH...



LUCKILY, ROBIN WAS ONLY GRAZED... I'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO SAFETY... THEN TRY TO STOP THAT FIST!

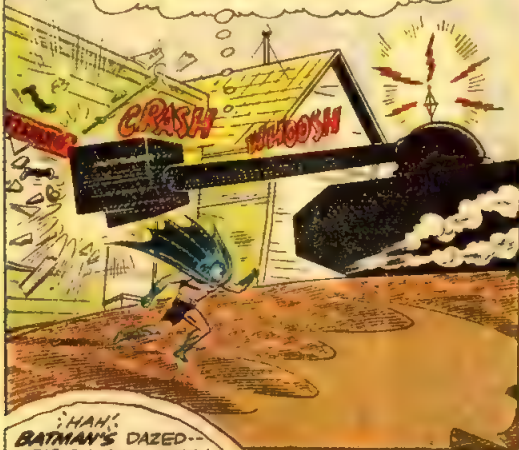
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MAN VS. MACHINE! BUT DESPITE ITS APPARENT INVINCIBILITY, BATMAN TAKES UP THE CHALLENGE...

AS THE GREAT FIST CRASHES DOWN LIKE A COLOSSAL HAMMER...

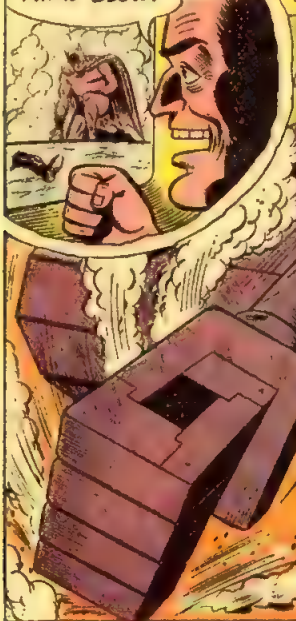
MILO UNDOUBTEDLY DICTATES HIS COMMANDS TO THE MACHINE'S ELECTRONIC BRAIN THROUGH THAT ANTENNA!... HMM...



HAH! BATMAN'S DAZED-- HE'S ON ONE KNEE! NOW MY IRON FIST WILL DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW!

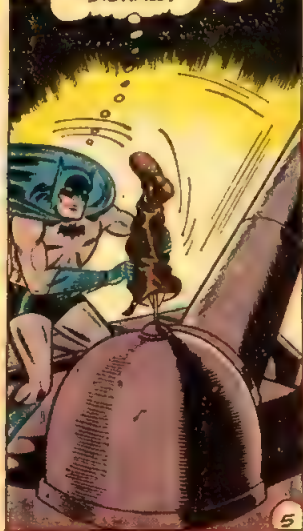
AGAIN, THE GIGANTIC FIST SMASHES WITH SHATTERING FORCE, BUT UNEXPECTEDLY...

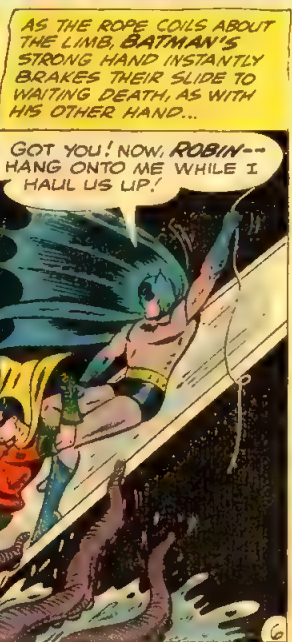
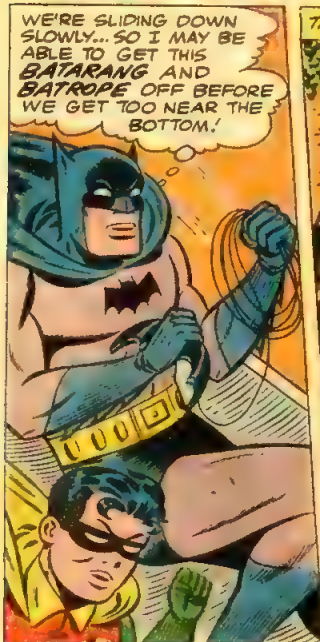
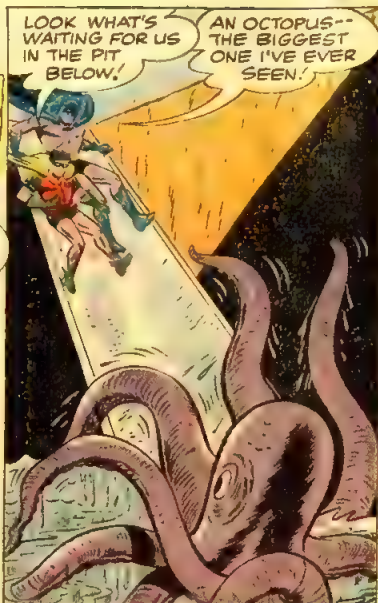
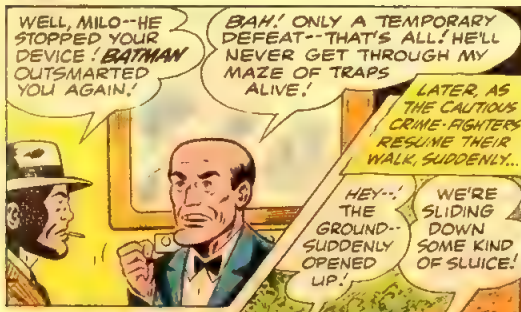
SURPRISE, MILO! I WAS ONLY SHAMMING! NOW I'M GOING TO FINISH THIS FIGHT BY GIVING YOUR MACHINE THE BOOT...

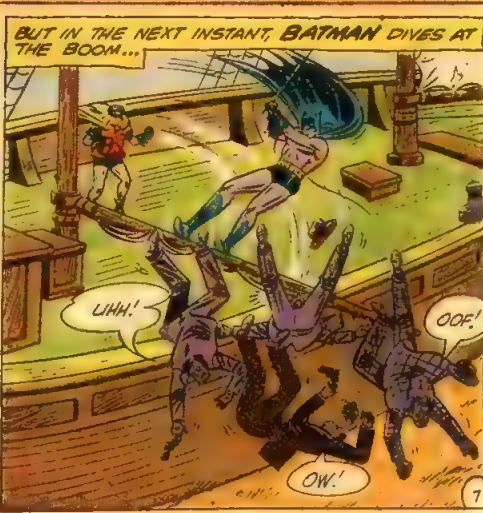
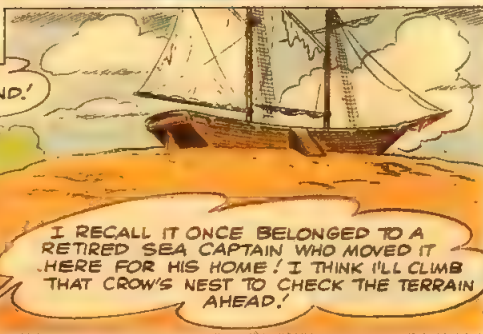
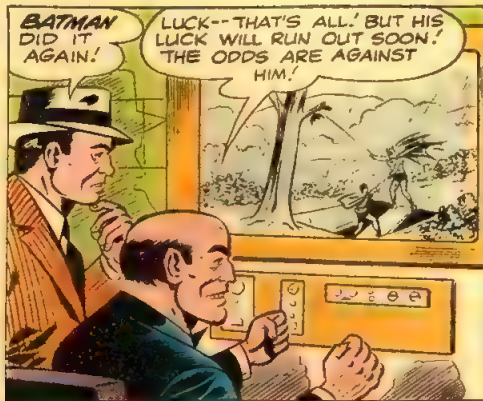


AND SCRAMBLING SWIFTLY ATOP THE MONSTROUS MACHINE...

...THIS RUBBER BOOT, RIGHT OVER ITS ANTENNA-- TO "INSULATE" IT AGAINST ANY RADIO SIGNALS!







BACK AT HIS CASTLE, MILO CAN ONLY LOOK ON IN SHOCKED DISBELIEF AND DISMAY...

LATER, AS THE MANHUNTERS APPROACH MILO'S STRONGHOLD, ALL AT ONCE...

BATMAN TURNED THE TABLES ON YOU!

AND THAT WAS THE LAST TIME HE'LL NEVER GET INTO MY FORTRESS! MY GIANT CROSSBOW WILL GET HIM!

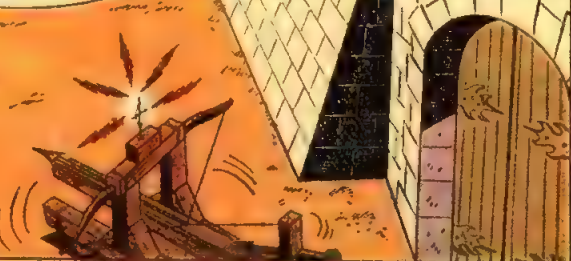
WOW! A GIANT CROSSBOW--GUARDING THE ENTRANCE!

HMM, IT WORKS ELECTRONICALLY--TURNING IN THE DIRECTION OF ANY INTRUDER! SOME KIND OF RADAR-GUIDED DEVICE PROBABLY TRIGGERS IT!



THEN, AS THE ROBOT CROSSBOW LOADS ITSELF WITH ANOTHER SHAF, BATMAN AND ROBIN BEGIN AN UNUSUAL MANEUVER...

SLOWLY, ROBIN--SLOWLY! THE GREAT BOW WILL KEEP TURNING IN OUR DIRECTION--BUT IT WON'T BE TRIGGERED UNTIL WE STAND UP AND BECOME TARGETS!



SUDDENLY, THEY MAKE A SURPRISING MOVE...

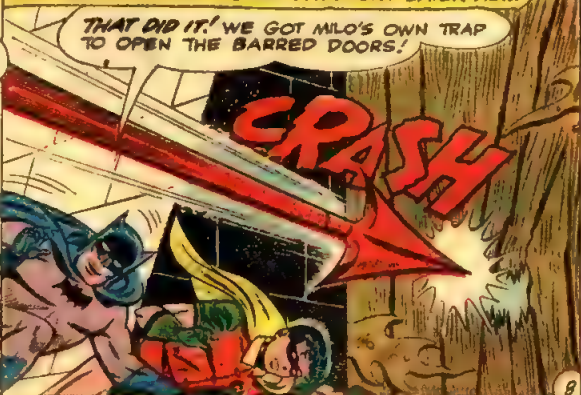
LOOK! THEY SUDDENLY STOOD UP!

WHY--IT'S ALMOST AS IF THEY WANT MY CROSSBOW TO FIRE AT THEM! GREAT SCOTT--I THINK I KNOW WHY!



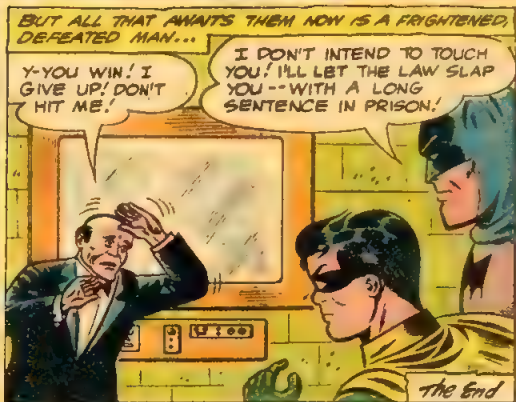
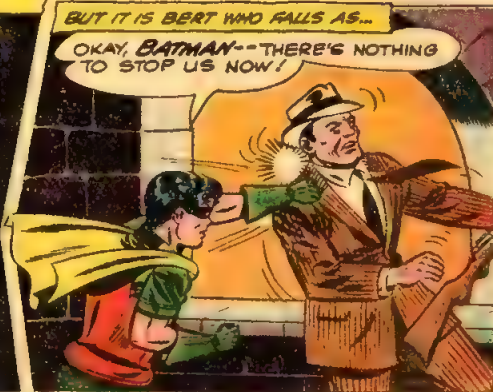
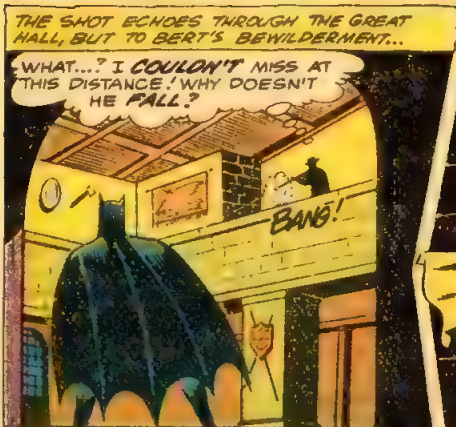
AND THE EXPLANATION COMES A MOMENT LATER AS...

THAT DID IT! WE GOT MILO'S OWN TRAP TO OPEN THE BARRED DOORS!





BATMAN





Dear Editor: Does THE JOKER wear a mask, or is that his real face? If it's his real face, how did it become that way? Surely he wasn't born with it.

George Smith, Ebensburg, Pa.

(That is THE JOKER'S real face, and he was not born with it. It's the result of an accident that occurred years ago while he was committing a daring crime. In making his getaway, he had to swim through a pool of chemical wastes that were being discarded by the factory he had just robbed. The combination of all those chemicals caused a permanent change of his features, turning his hair green, his lips rouge-red, and his skin chalk-white. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: BATMAN and SUPERMAN have robots of themselves. How about a robot for ROBIN, too?

Frank LaSala, Haskell, N. J.

(ROBIN does have a robot, which you'll be meeting in the APRIL issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 290. The title of the story, of course, is "ROBIN'S ROBOT!" —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Recently, I learned of a story you printed a few years ago. In it, a crook tried to fool the police and BATMAN by walking away from the scene of the crime backwards. Yet, I'm told, BATMAN took one look at his footprints and figured out the trick. How was this possible?

Anthony O'Connor, Peoria, Ill.

(When a person walks normally, the sole print of his shoe is heavier than the heel print. Walking backwards, it's the other way around. BATMAN was quick to notice that the crook's heel left an imprint that was deeper than the sole. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Did BATMAN ever use a GLIDER BAT-COSTUME, and how did it work?

Leila Richards, Salt Lake City, Utah

(This was a unique costume designed by BATMAN, which enabled him to leap from unusual heights. It consisted of specially designed folding wings that permitted him, in conjunction with his acrobatic skill, to glide to a safe landing. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Has BATWOMAN ever turned against BATMAN and ROBIN, and tried to harm them in some way?

Elton Burke, Pasadena, Cal.

(The MAY issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 117, features a tale in which BATWOMAN becomes an enemy not only of BATMAN and ROBIN, but of SUPERMAN, too! Indeed, the three heroes have the fight of their lives with "SUPER-BATWOMAN AND THE SUPER-CREATURE!" —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Is it true that BATMAN once captured an escaped leopard with a bottle of perfume?

Elaine Singer, Danbury, Conn.

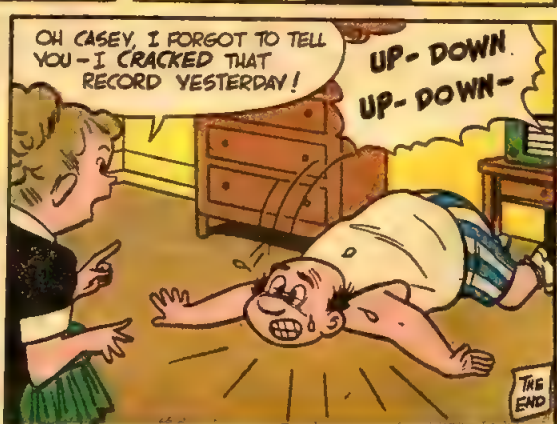
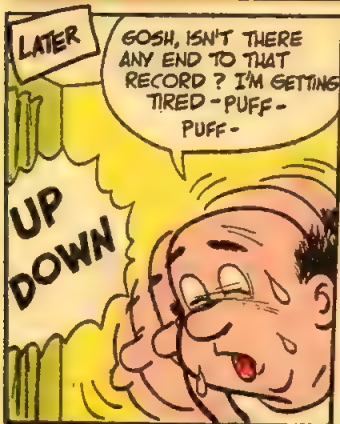
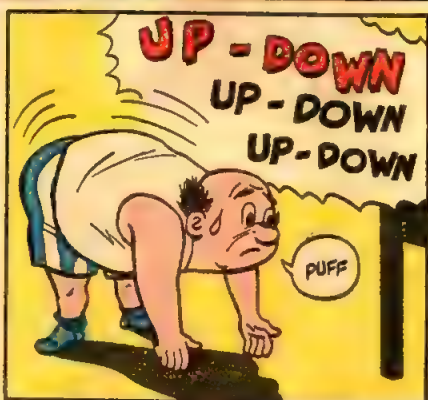
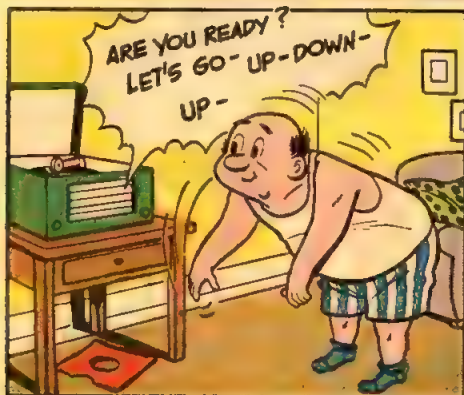
(This did happen. Leopards love the smell of perfume. Knowing this fact, BATMAN quickly borrowed a vial of perfume from a woman who was nearby, and smashed it on the ground. Then, while the wild beast was busy enjoying the fragrance, BATMAN and ROBIN were able to lasso him. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the BAT-CAVE'S crime lab is a prison slang file. Of what use is it to BATMAN and ROBIN?

Graham Grove, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

(Every prison has its own unique slang expressions, which the convicts use in conversing with each other. When released, they frequently continue using these same slang terms. When trying to pin down an unknown crook's identity, BATMAN and ROBIN refer to their prison slang file for any unusual expressions they might have overheard him using. By pinpointing the prison he served time in, they narrow down their list of suspects. —Ed.)

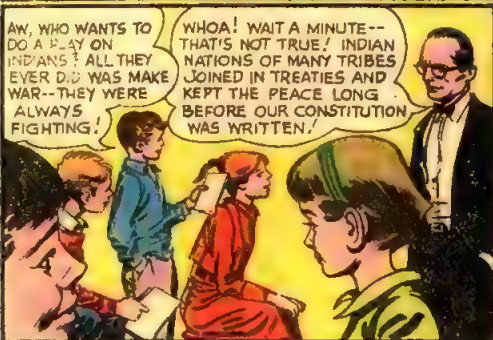


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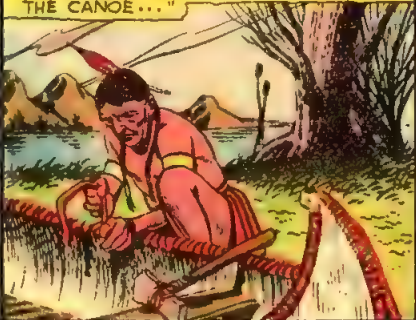
WHOA! WAIT A MINUTE-- THAT'S NOT TRUE! INDIAN NATIONS OF MANY TRIBES JOINED IN TREATIES AND KEPT THE PEACE LONG BEFORE OUR CONSTITUTION WAS WRITTEN.



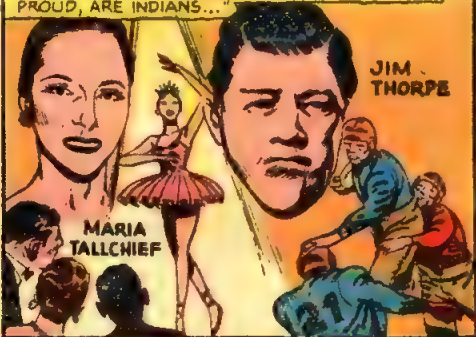
"WE LEARNED ABOUT SOME OF OUR BEST FOODS FROM THE INDIANS--TURKEY, CORN, BEANS, MAPLE SUGAR, SWEET POTATOES..."



"INDIANS INVENTED MANY OF THE THINGS WE USE TODAY, LIKE THE TOBOGGAN SLED AND THE CANOE..."



"MANY FAMOUS AMERICANS, OF WHOM WE'RE PROUD, ARE INDIANS..."



"TODAY, INDIANS DO MUCH OF THE 'HIGH IRON' AND STEEL WORK ALL OVER THE U.S., AS WELL AS MAKE MANY ARTICLES WE USE, LIKE SILVER AND TURQUOISE BRACELETS AND COLORFUL RUGS..."



GOSH! WE REALLY COULD DO A BIG PLAY ON INDIANS!





BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

CRIMINALS, BEWARE! A NEW CRIME-FIGHTER
IS COMING YOUR WAY! YOU THOUGHT YOU
HAD TROUBLE BATTLING BATMAN AND
ROBIN-- YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD TO BE
WARY OF BATWOMAN-- BUT WAIT
TILL YOU COME UP AGAINST A PRETTY
TEEN-AGER! YOU'D BETTER
SCRAM -- TAKE IT ON THE LAM--
BECAUSE HERE SHE COMES...

BAT- GIRL!

THAT SELF-INFLATING
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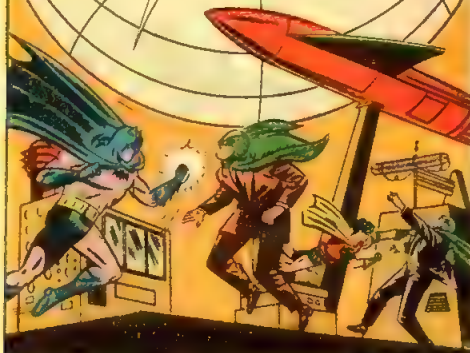
IT--IT'S
BAT-GIRL!



BOB
KAHE

AT AN EXHIBIT OF NEW SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LASH OUT AT TWO OF **CRIMEDOM**'S NEWEST THREAT-- **THE COBRA GANG**...

TWO DOWN--TWO MORE TO GO!



...WHILE ANOTHER IS FELLED BY THEIR ALLY-- **BATHWOMAN!**

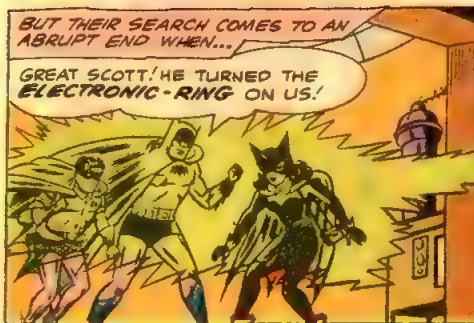
THERE'S STILL ANOTHER ONE LOOSE AROUND HERE, **BATMAN!** WE'D BETTER FIND HIM!



AND AS I TURN THIS DIAL, THE CIRCLE OF ELECTRICITY TIGHTENS AROUND YOU UNTIL...

BUT THEIR SEARCH COMES TO AN ABRUPT END WHEN...

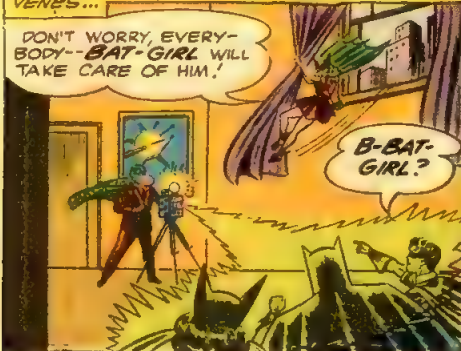
GREAT SCOTT! HE TURNED THE **ELECTRONIC-RING** ON US!



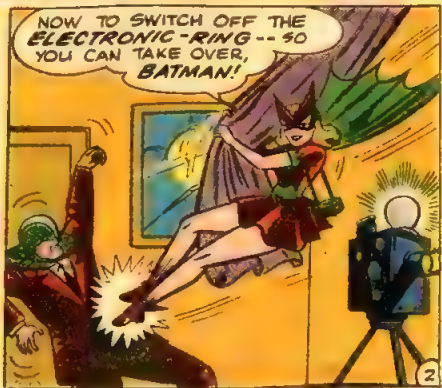
SUDDENLY--AN ASTONISHING VISITOR INTERVENES...

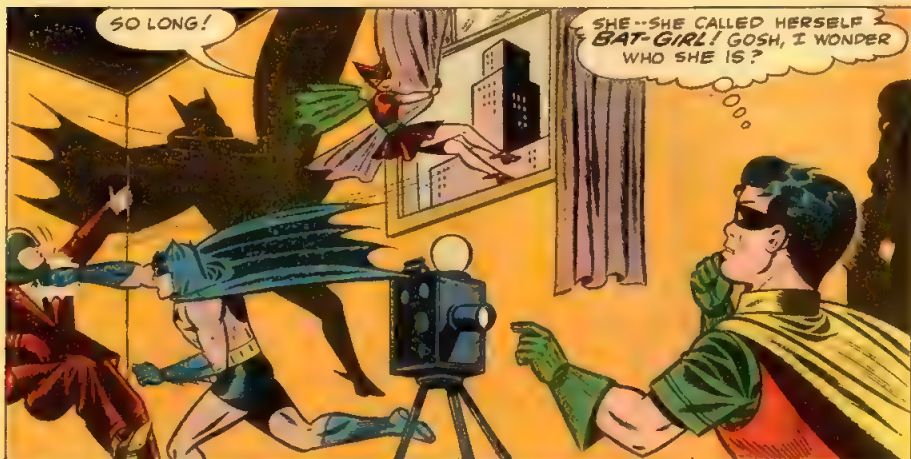
DON'T WORRY, EVERYBODY--**BAT-GIRL** WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM!

B-BAT-GIRL?



NOW TO SWITCH OFF THE **ELECTRONIC-RING**-- SO YOU CAN TAKE OVER, **BATMAN!**



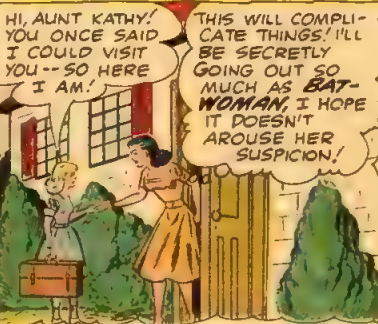


LATER, AS **BATWOMAN**, PUZZLED BY THE GIRL'S IDENTITY, RETURNS TO HER LAIR...

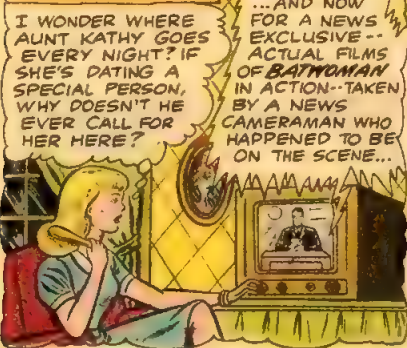


WHO IS THIS AMAZING TEEN-AGER? HOW AND WHY DID SHE ASSUME THIS DISGUISE? FOR THE ANSWERS, WE MUST GLANCE BACK TO SOME DAYS BEFORE...

...WHEN WEALTHY HEIRESS, KATHY KANE, HAD AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR...



AS DAYS PASSED, KATHY'S FEAR BECAME WELL JUSTIFIED...

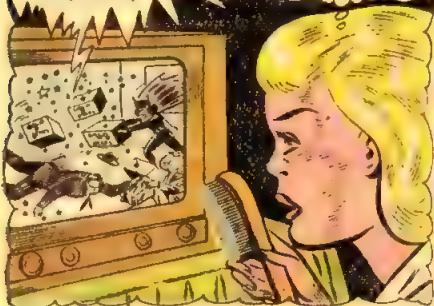


SURPRISING THIEVES ROBBING THE SAFE OF A MANUFACTURER OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES, **BATWOMAN** INSTANTLY WENT INTO ACTION...



AS THE THUGS FELL BACK, UPSETTING CARTONS OF GOLD STARS, **BAT-WOMAN** FOLLOWED TO MAKE THE CAPTURE!

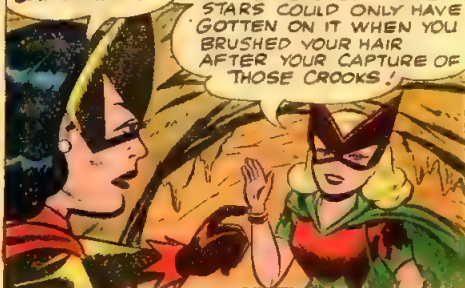
GOLLY! SHE'S WONDERFUL! HOW I WISH I COULD BE LIKE HER!



AND SO BETTY HAD PROMPTLY SET OUT TO MAKE HER WISH COME TRUE...

BUT, BETTY--HOW-- HOW DID YOU GUESS I WAS **BATWOMAN**?

WHEN I BRUSHED MY HAIR WITH YOUR BRUSH, SOME **GOLD STARS** FELL OUT! I REALIZED THOSE STARS COULD ONLY HAVE GOTTEN ON IT WHEN YOU BRUSHED YOUR HAIR AFTER YOUR CAPTURE OF THOSE CROOKS!



SO I SECRETLY MADE MYSELF A COSTUME-- AND TONIGHT I TRAILED YOU!

YOU WERE VERY CLEVER, BETTY-- BUT YOU MUST NEVER BE **BAT-GIRL** AGAIN!



IF YOU CAN BE **BATWOMAN**, I CAN CERTAINLY BE **BAT-GIRL**! MAYBE WE CAN BE A TEAM--LIKE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

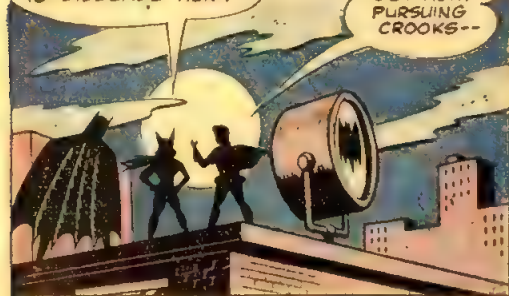
SHE HAS NO IDEA HOW DANGEROUS FIGHTING IS! I'D BETTER GET **BATMAN**'S ADVICE ON HOW TO COPE WITH BETTY!



LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

BETTY'S BRIGHT AND SHE LEARNS QUICKLY-- BUT SHE'S ALSO VERY HEADSTRONG! WHAT CAN I DO TO DISSUADE HER?

GOSH, **BATMAN**-- AN INEXPERIENCED GIRL IS BOUND TO GET HURT PURSUING CROOKS--



THAT'S IT! SUPPOSE, **BATWOMAN**, YOU PRETEND YOU'LL ALLOW HER TO BE **BAT-GIRL**-- BUT ONLY AFTER A LOT OF TRAINING...

FINE! I'LL STALL HER BY KEEPING HER IN TRAINING UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR HER TO RETURN HOME!



AND SO THE RIGID TRAINING PROGRAM GETS UNDER WAY...

YOU'RE A NATURAL ATHLETE, BETTY-- BUT THIS WILL TEACH YOU TO BE SURE-FOOTED AT ALL TIMES!



DAY AFTER DAY, BATWOMAN ADDS TO THE GIRL'S ASSIGNMENTS TO OCCUPY ALMOST EVERY MOMENT OF HER TIME...

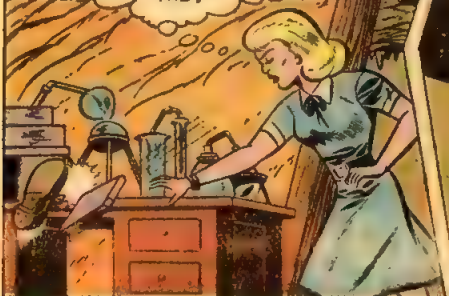
GOSH, AUNT KATHY, WHEN AM I GOING OUT WITH YOU ON A CASE?

ER... WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED TRAINING! YOU'RE NOT READY YET!



AFTER BATWOMAN LEAVES...

"NOT READY YET"--HMPH! I'VE GOT A FEELING SHE'S DELIBERATELY STALLING ME!



THIS SHOE WAS TAKEN FROM ONE OF THE COBRA GANG ARRESTED BY THE POLICE! WHEN IT FELL TO THE FLOOR, SOME PARTICLES, STUCK INSIDE, BECAME LOOSE. I'D BETTER DO A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS ON THEM RIGHT AWAY...



SOON AFTER...

CELLULOSE ACETATE! I READ ABOUT IT IN SCHOOL! THAT'S USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF GUNPOWDER, RAYON, AND OTHER PRODUCTS!

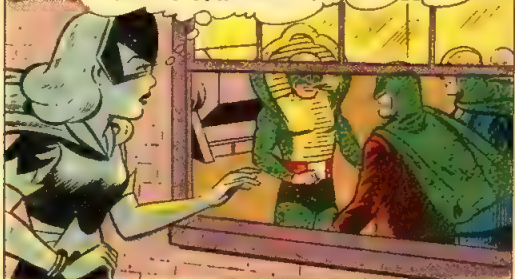


I'LL BET THEIR HIDEOUT IS A PLACE THAT ONCE USED CELLULOSE! SO AUNT KATHY THINKS I'M "NOT READY YET"--HUH? I'LL SHOW HER! BAT-GIRL WILL SEARCH EVERYWHERE UNTIL SHE LOCATES THE COBRA GANG'S HIDEOUT!



THUS, SOMETIME LATER, THE DETERMINED GIRL COMES TO THE END OF HER HUNT...

JUST AS I THOUGHT--AN ABANDONED RAYON PLANT...AND THAT MUST BE THE BOSS HIMSELF--**KING COBRA**! I--I REALLY SHOULD NOTIFY AUNT KATHY... BUT I'M *NOT*! I'LL PROVE TO HER I AM READY!



THIS *SELF-INFLATING* BALLOON FROM MY *CRIME COMPACT* WILL STARTLE THEM SO, I'LL BE ABLE TO LASSO THEM WITH MY *BAT-ROPE*!



WH--WHAT'S THAT?

YOW!

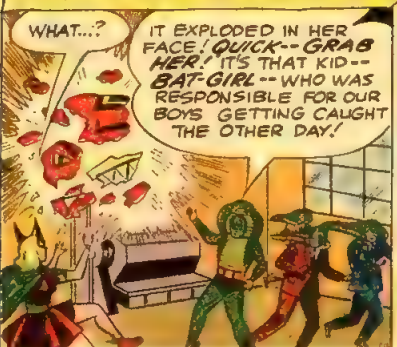
I FOUND YOU MYSELF--AND NOW I'LL CAPTURE YOU MYSELF!



BUT, AS THE SURPRISED GANG BOSS' LIGHTED CIGAR FLIES FROM HIS HAND, IT TOUCHES THE BALLOON AND...

MINUTES LATER...

WE'LL LOCK HER UP IN THIS OLD OFFICE--AND KEEP HER AS A HOSTAGE TO FORCE **BATMAN** TO RELEASE OUR PALS FROM JAIL!



WHAT...?

IT EXPLODED IN HER FACE! *QUICK--GRAB HER!* IT'S THAT KID--**BAT-GIRL**--WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR BOYS GETTING CAUGHT THE OTHER DAY!

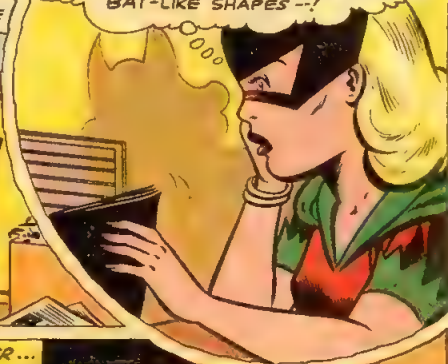


ALONE NOW, BAT-GIRL REALIZES THE DAMAGE HER OVER-CONFIDENCE HAS CAUSED...

OH, WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! THOSE CROOKS BATMAN, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN CAUGHT WILL BE FREED--AND ALL BECAUSE OF ME! IF I COULD ONLY MAKE UP FOR MY MISTAKE...



HMM! THESE SHEETS OF THIN CARBON PAPER--AND THAT VENTILATOR, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IF I CUT THE CARBON PAPER INTO BAT-LIKE SHAPES--!



SOON AFTER, AN UPDRAFT WAFTS THE CUTOUTS TO THE ROOF'S EXHAUST VENT...



SOMETIME LATER...

HUH? THEY FOUND US, TOO!

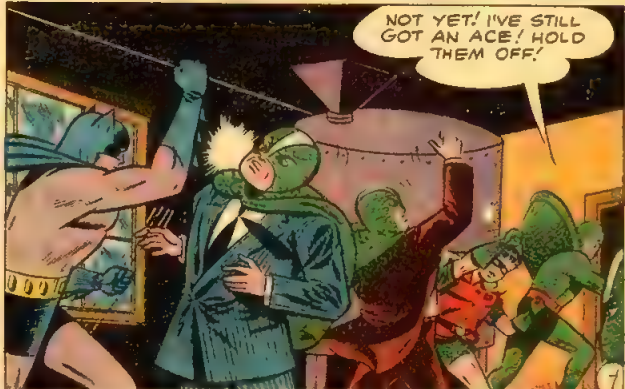


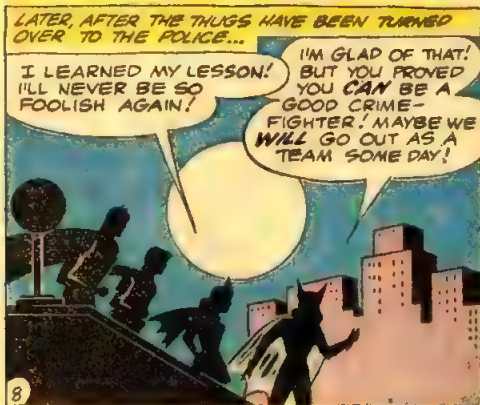
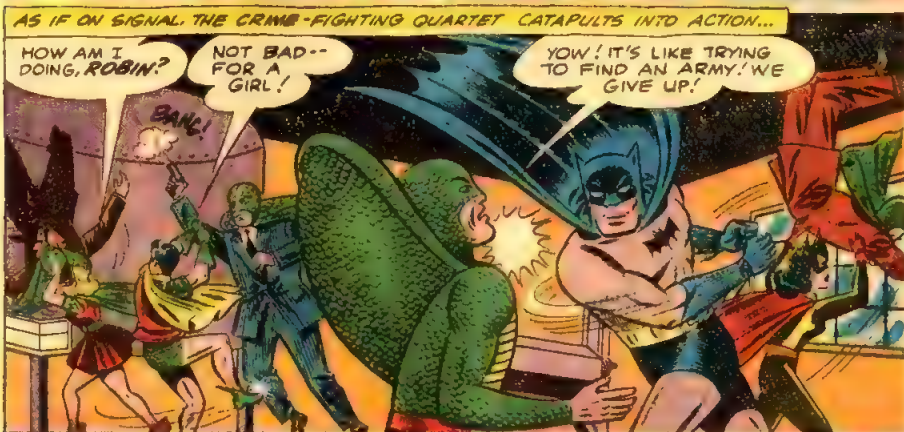
WLD! WE'RE FINISHED!

PAPER "BATS"! IT'S SOME KIND OF BAT-SIGNAL! I'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE ABOUT THIS!



NOT YET! I'VE STILL GOT AN ACE! HOLD THEM OFF!





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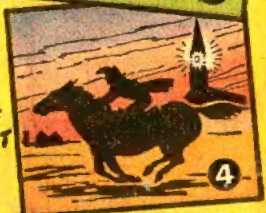
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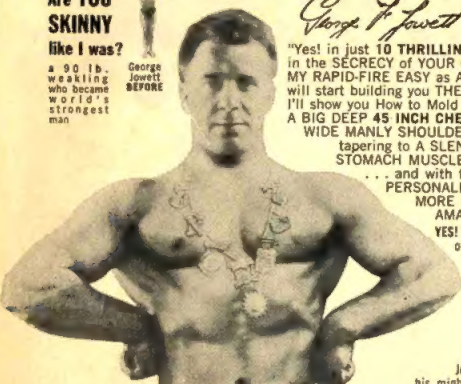
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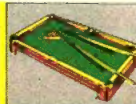
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